essential public services such as health, education, clean drinking water, sanitation, etc., to those who are deprived of them. (Para-7.2.4, Page-99, Towards Faster and More Inclusive Growth, An Approach to the 11th Five Year Plan, Planning Commission).

Vacant posts in TRAI

1883. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details and number of vacant posts of Principal Advisors in Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Ltd. (TRAI);

(b) whether any efforts are being made to fill up these vacant posts;

(c) whether vacant posts in TRAI at different levels including the post of Principal Advisors are not being circulated widely as per norms laid down by Department of Personnel (DoP) and Public Enterprise Selection Board (PSEB);

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether TRAI has pre-selected some top-level officials from the DoT licencing cell and BSNL's Corporate office flouting rules of the DoP and PSEB; and

(f) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) Two posts in the grade of Principal Advisors/Advisor are presently vacant in Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

(b) and (c) In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 10 (1) and 36 (1) of the TRAI Act, 1997, TRAI has made the Regulations governing appointment of officers and employees of TRAI *viz.,* TRAI (Officers and Staff Appointment) Regulation, 2001. Clause 13 of the above said Regulation provides that the posts which are to be filled up by the method of Deputation would be widely circulated among such Ministries/Departments of the Central Government and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) which are expected to have people with the qualifications and experience matching

the requirements of the TRAI and willing to join the Authority on deputation. Accordingly, the vacant posts in TRAI have been circulated among all the concerned Ministries/Departments and PSUs as per clause 13 of the Regulation. These circulars are also placed on TRAI's official website.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) & (c) above.

(e) No, Sir. TRAI has not made any pre-selection from Department of telecommunications and/or Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. Selections in all grades/posts by TRAI are made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the TRAI (Officers and Staff Appointment) Regulations, 2001.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

National Commission on Libraries

1884. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Knowledge Commission has recommended for a National Commission on Libraries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Knowledge Commission recommended that some mandatory percentage by Union and State Governments should be earmarked for libraries in their annual Budgets as has been done in the case of North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, the details thereon; and

(d) the action that has been taken or is proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Knowledge Commission (NKC) submits its recommendations in the form of letters to the Prime Minister on specific issues under its mandate. So far, the NKC has submitted eleven sets of recommendations including Libraries.

The recommendations of the NKC on Libraries are as follows:

- Set up a National Commission on Libraries
- Prepare a National census of all Libraries